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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please preserve the right of smaller broadband providers to successfully compete in the marketplace. It's dangerous to concentrate access into a few mega-companies that can act as monopolies for this increasingly essential service to American consumers.

A dynamic and competitive market, an informed citizenry, and a vital economy depend upon small business owners, entrepreneurs, hospitals, schools, and community organizations such as the one that I serve.

Holding us hostage to access broadband only through the largest national carriers is antithetical to the spirit of locally-driven business enterprise that employs people we live next to in our communities. It's good for competition and will improve the quality of service we receive. There's no incentive to be price-sensitive or improve service without competition. I think we call that a monopoly. Don't cave to the powerful interests that want to manipulate broadband access.

Don't do it. It's not good for the average American. It's not good for any American.

Preserve broadband competition.

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